

in Temecula, California, built specifically for Sergeant Cristian Valle, a husband and father of four who was part of the first wave of U.S. troops to enter Iraq in 2003. In October 2005, Sergeant Valle suffered a life-altering injury when an enemy grenade left him without the use of his legs. After returning to the United States, Sergeant Valle faced challenges adjusting to his new life, but through the services of Homes for Our Troops, he and his family will receive a new home specially adapted to his needs to help him focus on recovery and restore independence and stability to his life.

While our veterans face many challenges, none should have to endure returning from service to a home that is inaccessible to them. I join Governor Baker of Massachusetts in bringing attention to this important organization, and call on the House to honor Homes for Our Troops and the valuable work they do serving those who have sacrificed so bravely so that we may enjoy a life of peace in the United States.

**DEBRA HANEY NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debra Haney for her appointment as superintendent of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Catholic Schools.

Debra has served in the Archdiocese for 25 years. She previously served as the interim superintendent and principal of St. Laurence and St. John Paul II Catholic Schools. The Archdiocese's district spreads across 10 counties and serves 18,700 students, making it the largest private school district in Texas. Using her wealth of knowledge and experience in the Archdiocese, Haney is committed to improving the district by raising funds for programming and technology. She is also focused on helping the district recover from Hurricane Harvey.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Debra Haney on her new position. I'm excited to see what she accomplishes.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on February 9, I was unable to vote on Roll Call votes 67 and 68. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 67—Yes.

Roll Call 68—Yes.

**RECOGNIZING MS. HOLLY ADAMS FOR HER INTERNSHIP WITH THE UNI-CAPITOL WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Holly Adams, Holly has been an intern in my Washington, D.C. Congressional office since the beginning of January, through the Uni-Capitol Washington Internship Programme (UCWIP).

For the past 19 years, the program has paired students from nearly a dozen partner universities in Australia with offices on Capitol Hill, giving hundreds of students the opportunity to work in the halls of Congress. I have been honored to host a number of extremely talented interns through the UCWIP. Holly is, of course, no exception.

Holly is currently enrolled at Deakin University in Geelong, Victoria, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Law Degree and a Bachelor of International Studies Degree. As a student of International studies, she has already travelled extensively, participating in international politics study tours in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, as well as Tokyo.

Holly has proven herself to be a very hard-working and dedicated individual. Throughout her internship, she has interacted extensively with my constituents, by drafting correspondence, helping to address questions, comments, and concerns for those contacting or visiting my office. She has also attended a number of hearings and briefings on a wide range of topics facing our nation and world. Indeed, Holly proved herself to be so capable, she prepared a FY2019 Programmatic Request letter for circulation throughout the U.S. House of Representatives on rail safety. It is no wonder that she was chosen by her classmates to give the 'valedictory' speech at her program's closing reception.

Last year, Holly was accepted to study international human rights at Kings College, London, have no doubt that she will do great as she continues her studies. I am proud to congratulate Holly on all of her achievements, and to thank her for everything that she has done for my office, my district, state, and our country. She has a very bright and exciting future ahead of her, and I wish her the very best.

**IN MEMORIAM—WILLIAM STRAUS, 1949–FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. William (Bill) Straus who passed away at the age of 69 on February 10, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ. Bill was a beloved community leader in the Phoenix area. He dedicated his life to the preservation of civil rights and spoke his mind—even when the truth was hard to hear.

Bill worked for many years on local radio station KTAR where he headlined his own

show Straus' Place. On his show, he discussed hot-button issues that faced our state and often invited lawmakers to join him. Bill was a solution-focused man. He wanted to get things done and he wanted people to be honest about their prejudices. He was a no-nonsense individual and was quick to tell callers that called into his radio show where he stood on issues. He did not waver.

Bill's enthusiasm was contagious. In 2001, he was selected to lead the Arizona Anti-Defamation League. During his 13 years as director of the ADL, Bill dedicated himself to protecting at-risk groups. He stood up against immigration raids and helped lead the fight against the controversial Senate Bill 1070, commonly referred to as the "Show me your papers bill," which targeted minority communities. Community groups and leaders loved Bill. He did not balk at the opportunity to fight alongside them as they sought inclusion within our state. Many of us—including myself—drew from Bill's strength and leadership. He was a fine man and will be missed dearly.

Bill and I worked together at the Arizona State Capitol during my tenure as a state legislator. We collaborated on numerous pieces of legislation aimed at creating fair solutions for people often excluded by many of the laws designed to protect them.

Bill is survived by his son Charlie, daughter Jenni and his three grandchildren Max, Matty and Maci.

**BILL MARINO**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bill Marino for receiving the 2017 Steve Burkholder Diamond Legacy Award from the West Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Marino came to Colorado in 1995 with his wife, Jane, and two children. While they came here on vacation, they decided to stay. While his private ventures have taken him to London, San Francisco and Sydney, his touchstone for 20+ years has been Lakewood, Colorado. His willingness to service his community started when he served as president of his local neighborhood group. He was asked by then-Lakewood Mayor Linda Morton to be a part of a community discussion on land use, which resulted in his appointment to the Planning Commission, where he served for eight years. During the time, Bill oversaw the planning and development of Colorado Mills, Creekside on Colfax and Belmar.

Bill has now worked with four consecutive Lakewood mayors. While serving as Planning Commission Chair, former Mayor Steve Burkholder appointed him to his Blue-Ribbon Committee on West Colfax that developed the West Colfax Action Plan. In 2009, he was asked by former Mayor Bob Murphy to lead the charge to form a much-needed Business Improvement District along West Colfax, an initiative that had failed twice before. Most recently, he has worked with Mayor Adam Paul and local community leaders to develop and implement the West Colfax 2040 Vision Plan.

Bill currently serves as the Chief Executive of the Lakewood-W. Colfax Business Improvement District, Board Chair of 40 West Arts